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1. PREPCOM FIFTH PLENARY MET AUGUST 30. NEW ZEALAND
TOOK SEAT AS ADDITIONAL OBSERVER. DECISION TAKEN TO
CONVENE REVIEW CONFERENCE MAY 5, 1975 "WITH THE
EXPECTATION THAT IT WOULD LAST UP TO FOUR WEEKS".

2. CONTINUING GENERAL DEBATE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE,
MONGOLIAN DEL SAID IT IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION. PARTICIPATION
IN REVIEW CONFERENCE IS PREDETERMINED BY TREATY
ITSELF. THIS QUESTION NOT IN PURVIEW PREPCOM AND
NO NEED TO WASTE TIME DISCUSSING IT. STATING
BALANCE HAS TO BE FOUND BETWEEN NEED TO PROTECT
NATURE OF CONFERENCE AND NEED TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE RE
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NPT, HE BELIEVED PLENARY SESSIONS SHOULD BE OPEN TO

PUBLIC BUT HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ABOUT MAIN COMMITTEES, WHERE SOME POSSIBLE SPECIAL STATUS MIGHT BE ACCORDED SIGNATORIES AS OPPOSED TO OTHER NON-PARTIES AND PUBLIC. HE AGREED CONSENSUS WAS REQUIRED FOR DECISIONS, FAVORED TWO MAIN COMMITTEES, AND WANTED GENERAL COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE "TROIKA" (BY WHICH HE MEANT CANADA, POLAND AND SWEDEN, THREE CHAIRMEN OF PREP/COM*) PLUS THREE DEPOSITARIES AND ANOTHER HALF DOZEN OR SO.

3. SWEDEN REITERATED ITS STRONG FEELING THAT IT NECESSARY ALWAYS TO WORK FOR CONSENSUS AND INTRODUCES NEW DRAFT TEXT FOR CONSENSUS-VOTING RULE (TEXT BELOW).

4. POLAND STATED PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW CONFERENCE DETERMINED BY TREATY AND RIGHT PERTAINS ONLY TO PARTIES. PLENARY MIGHT BE OPEN TO PUBLIC AS WELL AS PRESS AND NON-PARTIES, BUT NON-PARTIES DO NOT HAVE RIGHT TO INFLUENCE CONFERENCE ACTIONS. CONSENSUS ONLY METHOD FOR DECIDING MATTERS LINKED TO SECURITY OF STATES.

5. SUDAN AGREED WITH SWEDISH DRAFT ON DECISIONS, WANTED CONFERENCE OPEN TO PUBLIC AND GENERAL COMMITTEE "NOT TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL".

6. HUNGARY AGREED WITH OTHER SOCIALIST SPEAKERS THAT CONSENSUS ONLY ACCEPTABLE PRINCIPLE FOR DECISIONS.

7. THIS CONCLUDED GENERAL DISCUSSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE. UN SYG REP PASTINEN THEN MADE BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO HOW PROCEDURES HAD BEEN DRAFTED. REVIEW CONFERENCE WOULD NOT BE UN CONFERENCE NOR UNDER AUSPICES. IN LARGER SENSE IT WOULD BE WITHOUT PRECEDENT SINCE IT WAS FIRST REVIEW CONFERENCE OF MAJOR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT. SECRETARIAT HAD TRIED TO BE AS PRUDENT AS POSSIBLE IN ELABORATING DRAFT RULES.

8. CHAIRMAN THEN PROCEEDED WITH DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL DRAFT RULES WITH THOSE THROUGH RULE 11 BEING ADOPTED WITH-
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OUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE EXCEPT FOR 6 AND 9 WHICH WERE POSTPOINED PENDING FURTHER PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS. ONLY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR NUMBER OF VICE-PRESIDENTS WAS MADE BY YUGOSLAVIA, TWELVE, TO PROVIDE WIDE REPRESENTATION, AND OTHER DELEGATIONS WANTED YUGOSLAVIA TO GIVE THEM PRIVATELY MORE SUBSTANTIAL IDEA OF HOW PLACES WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED.

9. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SWEDISH DRAFT RULE 28 ON
DECISION-MAKING, FULL TEXT OF WHICH IS QUOTED SINCE
IT IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE WIDE SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF
DEPOSITARIES AND SOCIALIST BLOC:

"EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT
ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BY MEANS OF CONSENSUS. THERE
SHOULD BE NOT VOTING ON SUCH MATTERS UNTIL ALL EFFORTS
AT CONSENSUS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

"IF CONSENSUS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED DECISIONS
SHALL BE TAKEN BY A MAJORITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT AND VOTING ON MATTERS OF PROCEDURE AND IN
ELECTIONS AND BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT AND VOTING ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE.

" IF THE QUESTION ARISES WHETHER A MATTER IS ONE
OF PROCEDURE OR OF SUBSTANCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFERENCE SHALL RULE ON THE QUESTION. AN APPEAL
AGAINST THIS RULING SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE PUT TO THE
VOTE AND THE PRESIDENT'S RULING SHALL STAND UNLESS
THE APPEAL IS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT AND VOTING." DALE

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